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TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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SUBJECT: DHEW/OHDS/RSA/SFCP - VISIT OF JAMES BURRESS,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROGRAM, COMMITTEE FOR  
THE HANDICAPPED TO MEET WITH LEADERS IN FIELD OF REHABILI-  
TATION

1. THE REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ADVISES THAT  
MR. JAMES BURRESS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE  
PROGRAM, COMMITTEE FOR THE HANDICAPPED WILL BE  
VISITING SELECTED COUNTRIES IN AFRICA AND WISHES TO MEET  
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WITH LEADERS IN THE FIELD OF REHABILITATION. MR. BURRESS  
WILL PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING INTERCHANGES OF  
REHABILITATION ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERS IN THE U.S. WITH  
COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THE INITIAL PRIORITY FOR  
THESE INTERCHANGES WILL BE WITH AFRICAN LEADERS.

2. MR. BURRESS HAS A BROAD BACKGROUND OF EXPERIENCE IN

THE FIELD OF REHABILITATION IN THE U.S. SERVING AS THE ACTING COMMISSIONER, REHABILITATION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND AS THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES, DHEW REGIONAL OFFICE, DENVER, COLORADO. HE HAS HAD MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A REHABILITATION COUNSELOR, SUPERVISOR AND AS A SPECIAL ADVISOR TO STATE AND REGIONAL OFFICES, MR. BURRESS HAS ALSO SERVED AS A SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO RSA IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES OVERSEAS, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS.

3. MR. BURRESS HAS WORKED OUT HIS OWN PROGRAM IN EACH COUNTRY THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR OR ONE OF HIS IMMEDIATE STAFF MEMBERS FROM EACH AFRICAN COUNTRY TO BE VISITED. MR. BURRESS WILL CALL UPON THE AMERICAN EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL. NO OTHER ASSISTANCE IS BEING REQUESTED BUT AGENCY WOULD APPRECIATE USUAL COURTESIES BEING EXTENDED TO MR. BURRESS.

4. AIR ITINERARY FOR MR. BURRESS IS AS FOLLOWS: LEAVE WASHINGTON, D.C. VIA PA 184 ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 5 AT 1505, ARRIVE DAKAR 0525 FRIDAY OCTOBER 6; LEAVE DAKAR 0900 OCTOBER 10 VIA GH 547, ARRIVE BANJUL 0930; LEAVE BANJUL 1010 SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 VIA WT 766, ARRIVE FREETOWN 1115; LEAVE FREETOWN 1155 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18  
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VIA WT 764, ARRIVE MONROVIA 1245; LEAVE MONROVIA 1245 THURSDAY OCTOBER 26 VIA GH 549, ARRIVE ACCRA 1515; LEAVE ACCRA 1845 FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3 VIA GH 500, ARRIVE LOME 1915; LV LOME 1550 THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9 VIA RK 105, ARRIVE ABIDJAN 1655; LEAVE ABIDJAN 0745 NOVEMBER 12 VIA RK 404, ARRIVE DAKAR 1045; LEAVE DAKAR 1535 NOVEMBER 12 VIA PA 199, ARRIVE NEW YORK 1910; LEAVE NEW YORK 2200 NOVEMBER 12 VIA BN 979, ARRIVE WASHINGTON 2320.

5. THE VISITS TO THESE COUNTRIES WILL BE A FOLLOW-UP TO MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS HELD IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1977 BY MR. BURRESS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BANJUL AND ABIDJAN WHICH HE WILL VISIT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

6. RSA WISHES TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE REQUESTED HEREIN. CHRISTOPHER

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